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SUBJECT: JULY-AUGUST PLENARY NEGOTIATING ROUND

1. STATUS LNO PASS MESSAGE IN PARA 2 SOONEST TO CHAIRMEN
COMMITTEE ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS, OF COMMISSION ON
FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS AND TRANSITION, THE CFPST
ITSELF, MARSHALL ISLANDS POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION
AND PALAU POLITICAL STATUS COMMISSION. CFPST MESSAGE
SHOULD BE DENOMINATED A COPY OF THE ORIGINAL SENT TO
CFPST COMMITTEE ON FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS,

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2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: AS YOU WILL RECALL,
I UNDERTOOK AT HILO TO PROVIDE YOU AND YOUR COMMISSION
WITH A REDRAFTED PAPER INCORPORATING THE AGREED PRIN-
CIPLES OF OUR FREE ASSOCIATION. (COMPLETION OF THIS
PROCESS IS EXPECTED BY MID-JULY.) (OMSN REMAINS IN
FREQUENT CONTACT WITH COMMISSION COUNSEL IN WASHINGTON
AS THIS PROCESS PROCEEDS AND INPUT OF COUNSEL HAS HAD

A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON IT. WE EXPECT TO HAVE THE PAPER COMPLETED AND CLEARED BY MID-JULY.)

----YOU WILL ALSO RECALL THAT WHEN WE WERE IN NEW YORK FOR THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETING, WE DISCUSSED HOLDING

THE NEXT PLENARY ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE OTHER IMPORTANT MICRONESIAN POLITICAL AND LEGISLATIVE EVENTS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE STARTING IN LATE AUGUST AND EXTENDING THROUGH THE NOVEMBER ELECTION PERIOD. I LEFT NEW YORK WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF AUGUST SUGGESTED THEMSELVES AS THE MOST ACCEPTABLE SCHEDULING ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NEXT ROUND.

----IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE POSSIBILITY OF A FULLY SUCCESSFUL AUGUST ROUND, I AM PLANNING TO PERSONALLY PRESENT THE U.S. PAPER TO YOUR COMMISSION AND THE OTHER TWO TRUST TERRITORY NEGOTIATING COMMISSIONS RIGHT AFTER THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM. I AM NOT THINKING OF THIS PRELIMINARY MEETING AS A NEGOTIATING SESSION, BUT RATHER AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE AND DESCRIBE THE PAPER TO YOU INFORMALLY AND BILATERALLY FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS. THE SCHEDULE WILL ALLOW ME TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON DURING THE LAST WEEK OF JULY TO JOIN WITH MY COLLEAGUES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSIDERING ANY PRELIMINARY COMMENTS YOU HAVE HAD IN ADVANCE OF OUR PLENARY. I WOULD PLAN TO RETURN TO THE TRUST TERRITORY IN TIME TO COMMENCE OUR PLENARY ROUND ON MONDAY, JULY 31. I HAVE FORWARDED MY SCHEDULE AND A COPY OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO YOUR STATESIDE COUNSEL. (AT PRESENT, MY PLAN IS TO ARRIVE IN PONAPE ON JULY 18 AT 7:16 PM AND DEPART ON JULY 20 AT 7:46 PM.) (AT PRESENT, MY PLAN IS TO ARRIVE IN MAJURO ON JULY 20 AT 11:17 PM AND TO DEPART ON JULY 22 AT 11:47 PM. I HAVE HEARD FROM DICK COPAKEN THAT YOU HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS SCHEDULE. I HOPE YOU MIGHT RECONSIDER THEM IN LIGHT OF WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE HIGH DESIRABILITY OF OUR MEETING INFORMALLY BEFORE THE PLENARY.) (SINCE I WILL BE ON EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE AND A VISIT TO KOROR WOULD INVOLVE EXTENDING MY PRELIMINARY TRIP BY 4 DAYS, I HOPE THAT YOU, STUART BECK AND ANY OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMISSION WILL BE ABLE TO MEET ME IN GUAM ON JULY 17. I PLAN TO ARRIVE ON 16 JULY AND TO DEPART ON JULY 18 AT 3:15 PM.) I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY JIM BERG OF OMSN AND COL WINCHELL CRAIG OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF. JERRY BENNETT WILL ADVISE YOU OF OUR HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS.

----IN NEW YORK, WE CONSIDERED SAIPAN AND GUAM AS LOCATIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND. WE HAVE SINCE DETERMINED THAT SUFFICIENT HOTEL SPACE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON GUAM, BUT JERRY BENNETT HAS SUCCEEDED IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A BLOCK OF ROOMS AT THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

STARTING JULY 30 FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE DAYS. YOUR COMMISSION SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE STATUS LNO OFFICE REGARDING ARRANGEMENTS. THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE ON SAIPAN THE MORNING OF MONDAY, JULY 31 SO OUR ORGANIZING SESSION CAN TAKE PLACE THAT AFTERNOON.

----YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW THAT JERRY BENNETT WILL THIS SUMMER HAVE COMPLETED HIS REGULAR TOUR OF DUTY IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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TRUST TERRITORY. HE HAS BEEN GIVEN AN IMPORTANT AND SENSITIVE ASSIGNMENT AS US CONSUL GENERAL IN CHIANG MAI, THAILAND. I AM SURE WE WILL ALL MISS JERRY BOTH AS A PROFESSIONAL COLLEAGUE AND FRIEND. HIS REPLACEMENT, MR. KEITH GUTHRIE, IS NOW COMPLETING AN ASSIGNMENT AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON AND WILL BE ARRIVING IN THE TRUST TERRITORY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY.

----I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF JULY AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SUCCESSFUL PLENARY ROUND. ALTHOUGH IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND BE MADE NOW, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT NOTHING IN THIS MESSAGE SHOULD BE TAKEN AS AN EFFORT BY THE U.S; GOVERNMENT TO PREJUDGE OR INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM. I ALSO WANT TO REITERATE THE COMMITMENT OF MY GOVERNMENT, AS RESTATED MOST RECENTLY AT THE TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL MEETINGS, TO HONOR THE RESULTS OF THE JULY 12 REFERENDUM. WE ARE HEARTENED THAT EACH OF THE MICRONESIAN PARTIES WILL DO LIKEWISE SO THAT OUR NEXT NEGOTIATING ROUND CAN TAKE PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CLARITY AND COOPERATION. SINCERELY, PETER R. ROSENBLATT.
END TEXT.

3. PLEASE ADD THE FIRST BRACKETED SENTENCE AT END OF THE FIRST PARA OF MESSAGE FOR PPSC AND SECOND BRACKETED MATERIAL AT END OF FIRST PARA OF MESSAGE TO OTHER COMMISSIONS. PLEASE ALSO MAKE APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENTS TO THIRD PARA OF MESSAGE DEPENDING ON ADDRESSEE. WILL ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SECURING HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN GUAM, PONAPE AND MAJURO ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE OUTLINED IN BERG-BENNETT TELCON OF 18 JUN DC TIME. AMB ROSENBLATT SENDS. VANCE
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